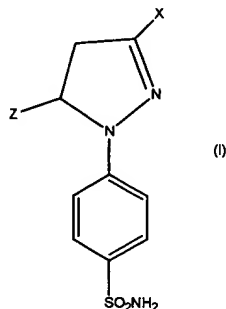


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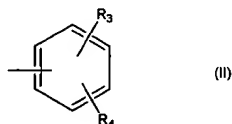
Rewrite claim 50 to read as follows:

21. 50. (amended) A method for producing a compound of formula I



wherein:

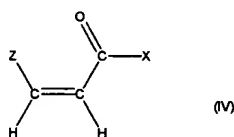
the group X is a radical of formula II:



wherein:

R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, nitro, carboxy, C₁-C₆ trihaloalkyl, and cyano; and Z is selected from the group consisting of substituted and unsubstituted aryl; the method comprising:

(a) reacting a compound of the formula IV



wherein X and Z are so defined;

with 4-sulfamyl phenyl hydrazine or salt thereof; and

(b) isolating a compound according to formula I from the reaction products.

Remarks

Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 14-50 remain pending in the application. A mark-up of the amended claim is attached hereto as Appendix A.